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Plan for Preliminary Trading between Liberated Areas and Foreign Countries.

1. Prior to complete victory over the entire nation, export shipping ports should be specified immediately for exports from the liberated areas of the Northeast and North China.
2. Hulutao, Tientsin New Harbor and other ports should be specified immediately as import ports for the importation of the industrial raw materials and production tools required by the mines and factories in the Northeast and North China liberated areas.
3. Intermediate merchants handling the barter transactions shall be given one percent to two percent processing fees at the sale of goods or from the total cost of tools and material purchased.**
4. Ships for delivering barter goods shall be hired by the government. Insurance shall be handled by insurance companies specified by the government.
5. Exports shall be inspected at the export port by inspecting organs. Goods inconsistent with export standards shall be rejected.**
6. Imports of production tools and industrial material shall be inspected by inspecting organs at the import port. Import goods inconsistent with import standards shall be rejected.**
7. In processing imports and exports, the government trade control organ should dispatch personnel to stations in Hong Kong as executors for import and export trade.

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9. For goods already shipped to Hong Kong prior to the collective control of foreign trade and prior to the delegation of intermediate merchants to handle barter goods, the trade executor in Hong Kong shall undertake all processes of sale and procurement of industrial tools and raw material.
10. Intermediate merchants for handling barter goods shall be limited to those merchants experienced in foreign trade who have agencies established in liberated ports, foreign ports, Hong Kong and other important ports.

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